(c) The process of registration of electors and scheme of issue of photo identity cards to electors are continuous and ongoing processes. It is, therefore, not possible to cover all the electors under the scheme at any given point of time. Likewise, it is not possible to predict/anticipate the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon. The scheme is being implemented by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations directly and the Central Government's role is limited to reimbursement of expenditure of its share (on 50:50 basis) to them as and when claimed by them.

Creation of More Judicial districts in the Capital

1059. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has stayed the creation of more judicial districts in the Capital on the request of Government;

(b) if so, what compelled Government to make such a request; and

(c) when will Government be prepared for creation of more judicial districts in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

Nine civil Districts have been created in the National Capital Territory of Delhi vide Government of NCT, Delhi Notification dated 28.6.2000, co-terminus with the existing nine Revenue Districts. Initially, there would be five Sessions Divisions covering all the nine Civil Districts.

However, the above notification has since been stayed by the Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 18th August, 2000 in Writ Petition No. D9505/2000-Delhi Bar Association Versus Union of India and Ors. The Writ Petition No. D9505/2000 is still under consideration of the Supreme Court of India and thus, the matter is sub-judice.

Setting up of Special Cell for Quake and Cyclone Victims of Gujarat and Orissa

1060. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to set up a special cell for the quake victims of Gujarat and cyclone victims of Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard;

(c) what kind of legal aid is proposed to be extended to the quake and cyclone victims of the above two States; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As regards the setting up of special cell for the quake victims of Gujarat, the Chief Justice of India and Patron-in Chief, National legal Services Authority has requested the Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat, who is also the Patron-in-Chief, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority to formulate some scheme and constitute special Legal Assistance Cells in the quake affected areas for helping the distressed people.

As regards the cyclone victims of Orissa, no directions have been issued to set up any cell.

(c) and (d) The victims of cyclone in Orissa and the earthquake in Gujarat are eligible to receive legal services from the State/District Legal Services Authority and Taluk Legal Services Committees in their respective States. The legal aid being provided by these authorities and committees includes the rendering of any service in the conduct of any case or other legal proceeding before any court or other authority or tribunal and the giving of advice on any legal matter.

Representation to weaker sections in Judiciary

†1061. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representation of weaker sections of the society especially that of women, tribal groups, scheduled castes and backward castes is insignificant in judiciary;

(b) if so, the details of the representation of such section in Central and State Judiciary State-wise and Centre-wise; and

(c) whether Government would consider to give representation to these sections in judiciary and judicial services?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.